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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO SECY'S REMARKS ON ASSISTANCE
TO GREECE

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1. BASED ON REPORTED REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
REGARDING AID TO GREECE, THE ATHENS AFTERNOON PRESS TODAY
(APRIL 9) PROCLAIMS THAT A US-GREEK ACCORD IS IN THE
MAKING. THE AFTERNOON NEWS CONTRASTED WITH MORNING PRESS
STORIES WHICH INDICATED US-GREEK TALKS WERE HEADED TOWARDS
AN "IMPASSE".

2. THE AFTERNOON PRESS FOR THE MOST PART HEADLINES THAT
A US-GREEK ACCORD, SIMILAR TO THE US-TURKISH DCA,
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IS IN THE MAKING. THE VARIOUS REPORTS REFER TO REMARKS BY

SECRETARY KISSINGER YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK DURING A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION TO THE EFFECT THAT AN AGREEMENT IS IN PREPARATION WITH GREECE SIMILAR TO THE TURKISH ONE. THE REPORTS ARE FAIRLY BRIEF.

3. SAMPLE AFTERNOON HEADLINES ARE: LEFTIST, PRO-PASOK ATHINAIKI - "AN US-GREEK AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO THE TURKISH (ONE) IS EXPECTED"; PRO GOVT VRADYNI - "US-GREECE AGREEMENT: THE DEMANDS OF ATHENS ARE SATISFIED"; CONSERVATIVE ESTIA - "GREEK-AMERICAN AGREEMENT HERALDED BY HENRY KISSINGER"; LEFTIST, ANTI-US ELEFTHEROTYPIA - "KISSINGER: AGREEMENT WITH GREECE TOO"; LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TA NEA - "KISSINGER PROMISES TO US TOO AID SIMILAR TO THE TURKISH (AID) -- WHILE WE ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF AN IMPASSE".

4. THIS MORNING, THE REPORTING OF THE ATHENS PRESS ESSENTIALLY REVOLVED AROUND A GOG STATEMENT LAST EVENING TO THE EFFECT THAT THE "SITUATION IS STILL FLUID AND DIFFICULT". SEIZING ON THE WORD "DIFFICULT" SOME EDITIONS INDICATED THE US-GREEK DISCUSSIONS HAD REACHED AN "IMPASSE" ALTHOUGH THE ESSENCE OF THE STORIES THEMSELVES WAS PRIMARILY A REHASH OF THE PUBLIC GREEK POSITION THAT DEMANDS FOR COMPARABLE AID AND FOR TERRITORIAL ASSURANCES WERE "NON-NEGOTIABLE".
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